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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON PORTUGAL

SUMMARY:ON HIS RETURN FROM THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING,
FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN TOLD THE PRESS THE
DANES BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS HOPE THAT THE
SITUATION IN PORTUGAL COULD DEVELOP POSITIVELY, THE EC
SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY AID. HE FOUND FRENCH
RESISTANCE TO THIS POSITION "A LITTLE HARD TO UNDERSTAND"
AND ATTRIBUTED IT TO INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURES. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE DANISH PRESS ON JULY 20 CARRIED FONMIN ANDERSEN'S RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL: "THERE IS STILL HOPE OF CREATING A BROADLY BASED GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL; AND IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS IS THE LINE WE MUST SUPPORT IN THE EC. BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMMUNIST MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OR A BREAKDOWN IN CONTROL WHICH SIMPLY WILL LEAD TO TOTAL CHOAS IS ALSO PRESENT. THERE IS NOT DOUBT THAT THE NEXT FEW DAYS CAN BE DECISIVE FOR THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE. NEVERTHELESS, PARTICULARLY IN THESE DAYS ONE GETS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SITUATION CAN END IN SOMETHING POSITIVE. HOWEVER, IT IS DISGRACEFUL TO SEE THE CYNISISM WITH WHICH THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL SEEKS TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION. THE UNCERTAIN ELEMENT IS TO WHAT DEGREE THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE SUPPORTING THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY."

2. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION, ANDERSEN ADMITTED THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL WAS NOT AS POSITIVE AND CLEAR AS THE DANES DESIRED. CITING FOREIGN ECONOMIC MINISTER IVAR NORGAARD'S PROPOSAL THAT SUPPORT SHOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK IN THE FORM OF PROJECT AID, HE CONTINUED: "FROM THE DANISH SIDE, WE HAVE SAID THAT AS LONG AS THERE IS HOPE FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL, PERHAPS IN A FORM DIFFERENT FROM THAT WE KNOW, BUT IN ANY CASE DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT, IT WOULD BE VERY WRONG FOR THE EC COUNTRIES NOT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS."

3. ANDERSEN ATTRIBUTED THE LACK OF CLARITY IN THE EC STATEMENT TO "THE FACT THAT THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT AND IT WAS CORRECT, AS HAS BEEN MENTIONED, THAT IT WAS FRANCE FIRST AND FOREMOST WHICH WAS OPPOSED." ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE FRENCH STAND, ANDERSEN REPLIED: "IT IS A LITTLE HARD TO UNDERSTAND. THE PRESS, OF COURSE, HAS CLAIMED THAT IT WAS DUE TO INTERNAL POLITICAL CONCERNS IN FRANCE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, ONE MUST ADMIT THAT IT IS REGRETTABLE IF THESE PREVENT THE EC COUNTRIES FROM ACTING MORE POSITIVELY."

4. FINALLY, ANDERSEN REJECTED THE IMPLICATION THAT CONDITIONING AID TO PORTUGAL ON THE FACT THAT IT BECOME A UNCLASSIFIED

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PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY WAS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE. "IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, AS EXPRESSED IN THE DECLARATION, THAT IT IS A PART OF THE EC COUNTRIES' EUROPEAN POLICY AND ALL THE TRADITION AND HISTORY WHICH LIES BEHIND THAT THAT ONE PRESUPPOSES A PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY. THAT IS A FACT. IT IS NOT INTERVENTION."

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